

**HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION**  
**FULL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 27, 2005, 4:30 p.m. Council Chambers**

**PRESENT**

Gil Palmer  
Dick Underdahl-Peirce  
Chrystal Pushor  
Barbara Stevens

**ABSENT**

Cindy Felsten  
Ian Kohen  
Jay Myers  
Wes Roy  
Marie Schroeder  
Jason Staley  
Madhu Vedak, resigned

Chairperson Palmer brought the meeting to order. The meeting was unofficial; a quorum was not present.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Director Arlette Tinsley, Deputy Director Lorraine Smith, Secretary Lula Young.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:**

Commissioner Underdahl-Peirce called roll. May minutes were not approved due to the lack of a quorum. June 2005 meeting was canceled.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Staff reported a Month end balance \$5,804.02.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:**

Chairperson Palmer, on behalf of the Commission, presented resigning Commissioner Underdahl-Peirce with a plaque in recognition of his dedicated service to the Human Rights Commission.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Director Tinsley informed Commissioners of the request received from Christine Lemley, head of the Interfaith Forum, for the Commission to co-sponsor a forum at Yes Cinema to share the Chicago Police Department training video with the public. Ms. Lemley has also contacted the Police and Sheriff's departments and the Columbus Peace Fellowship. The Interfaith Forum has also asked the Human Rights Commission to utilize the video for the Cultural Awareness training provided to the Police Department. After viewing the video, Lt. Rudy Olivo gave positive feedback for its use. Chief McCord has requested an opportunity to review the video.

An unofficial consensus of commissioners present and staff was to wait for the annual training with the police department before co-sponsoring a public forum.

Director Tinsley updated Commissioners on caseload: fifteen cases for the year have been closed to date.

Director Tinsley reported that the Chairperson, Director and Deputy Director have attended meetings with BCSC's Diversity Committee and that staff has provided considerable technical assistance to BCSC. Deputy Director Smith attended meetings for Kidscommons and for the Face-to-Face Dialogue that is currently on hold.

Director Tinsley informed Commissioners that she would be teaching a class for graduate credit at the Center for Teaching and Learning. The class will provide information and tools for teachers and principals on the new Anti-bullying law that went into effect on July 1, 2005. The course will explain what harassment is, what bullying is and how the two laws work together and how schools can be effective in combating both.

Director Tinsley shared the next meeting date of the Diversity Committee implemented by the Superintendent as August 3, 2005, at 10:30a.m. in Dr. Quick's office.

The school corporation adopted all of the policy recommendations made by staff with regard to an 'Anti-Hate Symbol Policy' for middle and high schools that will be in the new handbooks. They are now looking at suggestions made by staff regarding the complaint resolution process and getting practical advice on the complaint process.

#### **ANNUAL DINNER:**

Secretary Young gave preliminary wrap up summary on expenses and profit for the 2005 Annual Dinner. She reported total expenses for the Donations account of \$4,200.59; total deposits: \$4,680.00, with an estimated outstanding income of \$270.00. The expected total profit was estimated at \$713.41, with a current profit of \$479.41.

Commissioners provided feedback on the overall success of the annual dinner. Guest feedback was positive and negative in regards to both the meal and the guest speaker.

Staff shared biographical and contact information regarding potential speakers for the 2006 Annual dinner.

Deputy Director Smith provided Commissioners with a copy of the CHRC Senior Project brochure she will be using on August 23, 2005 at East High School during their project fair.

**Meeting adjourned.**